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SUBJECT: ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES - RULES OF PROCEDURE.

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1. REFTEL INFORMED ADDRESSEE POSTS OF ROC WITHDRAWAL FROM INTELSAT AND U.S. INTEREST IN PROTECTING TAIWAN'S CONTINUED USE OF INTELSAT SYSTEM. ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES

MEETING WILL BE PRECEDED BY WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE WHICH BEGINS MEETING SEPTEMBER 20. THERE HAS BEEN AN INITIATIVE TO DELETE RULE PERMITTING SECRET BALLOT BY ASSEMBLY. PRINCIPAL MOTIVE WAS TO INCREASE LIKELIHOOD THAT RESOLUTION ON SUBSTITUTION OF PRC FOR ROC WOULD SUCCEED.

2. WITH ROC NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL THE NEED FOR INTRODUCING RESOLUTION ON CHINA REPRESENTATION HAS DISAPPEARED AND DEPARTMENT HAS INDICATION ITS SPONSORS WILL NOT PLACE IT BEFORE ASSEMBLY. CONSEQUENTLY THEIR NEED FOR DELETION OF SECRET BALLOT ARTICLE ALSO DISAPPEARS.

3. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES RETENTION OF SECRET BALLOT ARTICLE

IS IN BEST INTEREST OF ASSEMBLY AND THE EFFICIENT CONDUCT OF ITS BUSINESS. IN ADDITION, RETENTION OF SECRET BALLOT COULD BE HELPFUL IN EVENT THERE IS MOVE AT ASSEMBLY THREATENING TAIWAN'S ACCESS.

4. ACTION POSTS ARE COUNTRIES WHICH PLAN PARTICIPATE IN WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENT AND URGE SUPPORT FOR RETENTION OF SECRET BALLOT ARTICLE. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SIGNIFICANT REACTION BEING REPORTED TO EMBASSY NAIROBI FOR ATTENTION CARL GRIP. ROBINSON

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